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Application: Ronny C. Crawford, et al.

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING HIGH VACUUM
REMEDICATION

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(6)

TO ACCEPT A PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119(e)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(6) is being filed to request acceptance of an unintentionally delayed submission for this application of a claim of priority to and benefit of provisional application Serial No. 60/440,311 filed on January 15, 2003.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(6), the requirements of this petition are:

1. The reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(5).

Attached is an Application Data Sheet with the required priority information, along with a Preliminary Amendment amending the specification to include this priority claim.

2. The surcharge set forth in § 1.17(t).

Attached is a check in the amount of \$1,370.00, which is the filing fee for this petition.

3. A statement that the entire delay between the date the claim was due and the date the claim was filed was unintentional.

STATEMENT: The entire delay in submitting this priority claim between the date the claim was due and the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional.


This claim to priority is proper as the inventors of the priority provisional application and the inventors of the instant application are identical.

In the event this petition is granted, Applicant further respectfully requests the priority claim be noted in the patent application and the file sent to the Application Processing Division for correction on the file wrapper label and the PALM data base regarding the priority claim. MPEP § 605.04(g).

It is believed that no further fees are due, however, the Director is hereby authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 23-2426 of Winstead Sechrest & Minick P.C. if there are any further fees due under this paper.

Applicant respectfully requests that Applicant's attorney be called at the below listed number if it is believed that such a discussion would be helpful in resolving any problems or questions.

Respectfully submitted,
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